

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. Claims 34-35 and 54 are now pending.

The formality objections in sections 4-5 of the Office Action have been addressed by the clerical claim changes set forth above. These formality objections have been addressed and rendered moot.

Claim 34 stands rejected under Section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Sol in view of Veerasamy. This Section 103(a) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Sol is commonly owned with the instant application, and was commonly owned at the time of the invention. Thus, at least Sol cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection to reject the pending claims. Applicant notes that the instant application claims priority on dates of Feb. 14, 2002 and December 18, 2001. Accordingly, the Section 103(a) rejection must be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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